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GIVEN BY THE  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLUB  
ON THE ANNIVERSARY  
OF  
ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27th 1919  
THE WALDORF ASTORIA

Colonel Roosevelt, as Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Club Hoover Fund for Relief in Belgium addressed a letter in March 1917 to his fellow members and "The Men and Women of the West" of which the following are extracts:-

"The action of the Rocky Mountain Club in devoting its energies to the relief of the suffering children of Belgium rang true to the Western spirit, as all of us who have lived in the mountains and the plains have come to know that spirit. I have gladly joined in the movement to do what I can for a gallant little nation which has been cruelly trampled under foot, for no fault of its own, and now lies prostrate, threatened with the loss of its spiritual as well as its physical being. It is the literal truth that rarely since the days of Herod has child-life been so menaced as to-day in Belgium.

"I shall not deal with the material side of this question, or tell how 1,250,000 children are compelled to go hungry and are threatened with disease and slow starvation. All this is being told in the West in speeches, in letters, in literature, in cartoons, and in personal pleas. Suffice it to say that Belgium to-day stands in mortal danger of losing both its bodily life and its soul."

"But what of us? What of our soul if like Levite and the Priest we pass by on our business with averted eyes? The nation that turns a deaf ear to the sufferings of ten million people, including a million and a quarter children, is committing moral suicide. Diseases born of want and hunger are spreading with dreadful rapidity among these 1,250,000 children of Belgium. Shall we look idly on while these children die? Other nations do not sit idle. War-torn England and France have given largely. Brave little Holland has cared within her own borders for hundreds of thousands of refugees. The rest of the world has spent \$250,000,000 for Belgium. We have contributed only nine millions. Is this enough to make us think that we have done our duty? We say with unctuous self-satisfaction that we have been 'kept out of war.' We chuckle because in 1916 we sold five billions' worth of products to Europe. Are our souls rotted? Can we see only the dollar sign in the sky? What of our souls if we continue deaf to the crying need of a gallant nation, threatened with extinction through the loss of its first born? Can any man of high and generous nature, having been told the facts, continue to be indifferent.

# MENU

CAPE COD OYSTERS

CHICKEN GUMBO, CREOLE

CELERY

OLIVES

FILET SOLE, SAUTERNE SAUCE  
POTATOES, PARISIENNE

NOISETTE OF SPRING LAMB, À LA COLBERT  
SPRING BEANS

SOLAB CHICKEN, ROASTED IN CASSEROLE  
HEARTS OF LETTUCE, RUSSIAN DRESSING

PLOMBIFRE OF CHESTNUTS

ASSORTED CAKES

MACAROONS

LADY FINGERS

COFFEE

CLARETS  
FACON MACARONETTES

MET BY THE MOUTH, BEYOND THE EYE, IMMEDIATELY, IN A WORD,  
THE T. FRANKS RESTAURANT

*Guest of Honor*

HERBERT HOOVER

*Toastmaster*

HON. ALTON B. PARKER

*Speakers*

HIS EXCELLENCY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND

HON. JOB E. HEDGES

COLONEL HENRY D. LINDSLEY

DR. WILLIAM T. MANNING

HON. ELIHU ROOT

MAJOR-GENERAL DANIEL C. SHANKS

WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON



## THEODORE ROOSEVELT

“Consider the qualities which were his beyond dispute:

Dauntless courage; fortitude; indomitable resolution.

Decision of character; an ingrained habit of mind, swiftly grasping all available data, and converging to immediate action.

A fixed philosophy of life which sets a high standard of service to the point of sacrifice and of scorn to spare one's self.

Public spirit; love of Country; intense loyalty to ideals.

Sincerity; hatred of shams; love of justice; honor.

Family affection; capacity for friendship; purity of character; cheerfulness; hopefulness humor; magnanimity.

Breadth of vision; intuitive sympathy with the feelings and interests of all men; an inevitable impulse to help the under-dog.

Essential constructiveness; never seeking to tear down except as part of a definite practical scheme of betterment.

He was not infallible. The swift decisions of a true executive make some mistakes inevitable; but we can affirm with confidence in the agreement of all who knew him best that he never decided upon a course of conduct or a public action which he did not believe to be for the best interests of his Country, and in which that consideration did not stand first in his mind.”

ELIHU ROOT

“The impress that Theodore Roosevelt's personality has made upon the world does not need emphasis. Whatever his fame as a statesman, it can never outrun his fame as a man. However widely men may differ from him in matters of national policy, this thing men in their hearts would all wish, that their sons might have within them the spirit, the will, the strength, the manliness, the Americanism of Roosevelt. He was made of that rugged and heroic stuff with which legend delights to play. The Idylls and the Sagas and the Iliads have been woven about men of his mold. We may surely expect to see developed a Roosevelt legend, a body of tales that will exalt the physical power and endurance of the man and the boldness of his spirit, his robust capacity for blunt speech and his hearty comradeship, his live interest in all things living—these will make our boys for the long future proud that they are of his race and his country. And no surer fame than this can come to any man—to live in the hearts of the boys of his land as one whose doings and sayings they would wish to make their own.”

FRANKLIN K. LANE

## AMERICA

<sup>1</sup>  
My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing,  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

<sup>2</sup>  
My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free—

Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills;  
Like that above.

<sup>3</sup>  
Our fathers' God—to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

## ROOSEVELT'S FAVORITE HYMN

<sup>1</sup>  
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

<sup>2</sup>  
Fear not; I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to  
stand  
Up-held by my gracious, omnipotent hand

<sup>3</sup>  
When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall overflow,  
For I will be with thee, thy trials to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

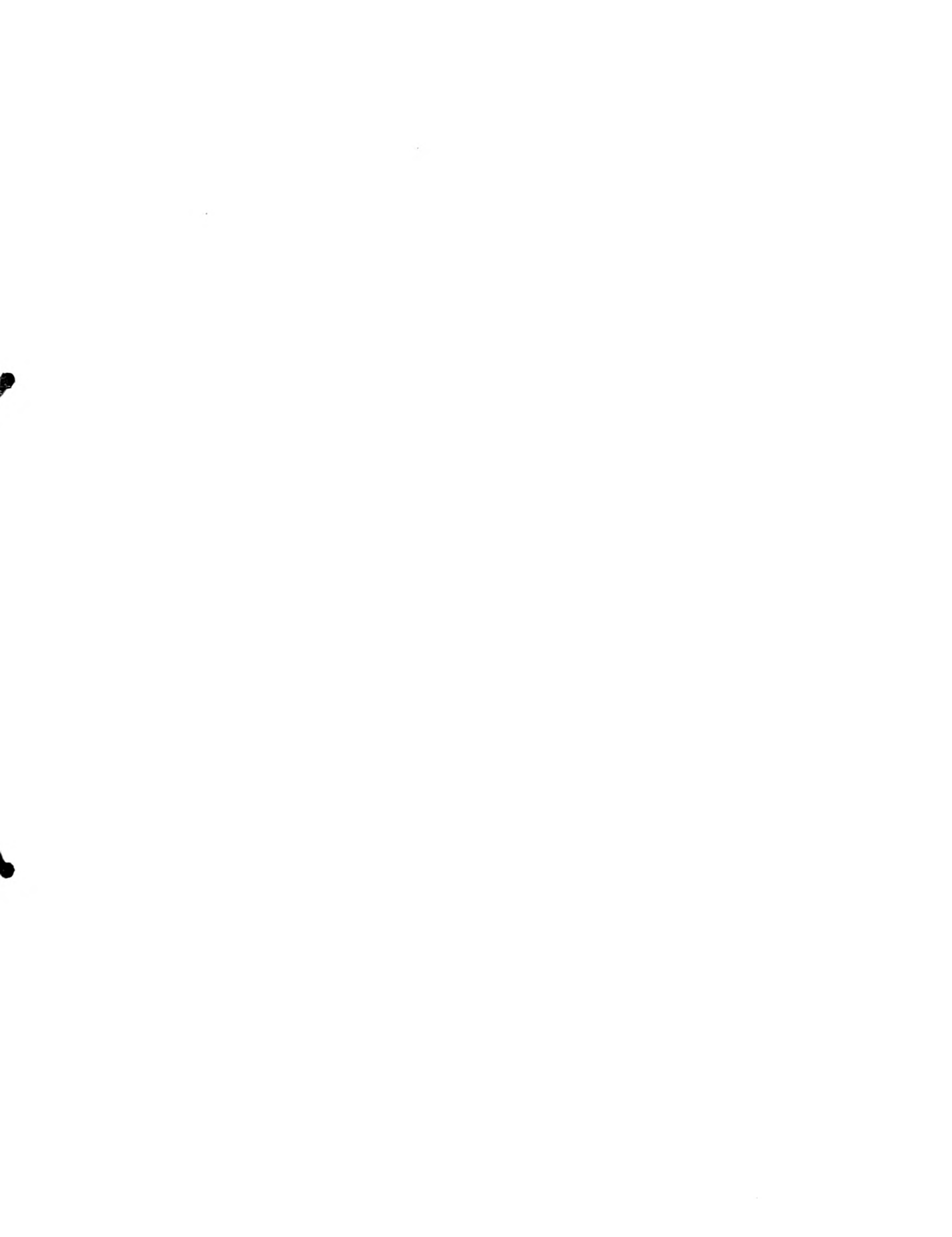
<sup>4</sup>  
When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,  
The flame shall not hurt thee-- I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

<sup>5</sup>  
E'en down to old age, all my people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne,

<sup>6</sup>  
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to  
shake  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake."







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